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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/07		
SPONSOR Cisneros	LAST UPDATED	HB	
	Making an Appropriation for Acequia Governance		
SHORT TITLE Education, Training and Technical Assistance		SB 33	
		ANALYST Wayne Propst	

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$500.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the State Engineer

Responses Received From

Office of the State Engineer

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Making an Appropriation for Acequia Governance Education, Training and Technical Assistance. Senate Bill 33 would appropriate \$500,000 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY08 for acequia governance education, training, and technical assistance. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of State Engineer reports there are no significant issues related to this bill. OSE/ISC staff currently provide assistance to acequias and community ditches when requested regarding the adoption and implementation of bylaws, rules, regulations, and technical issues.

Additional assistance available to acequias as the result of this bill in governance education and technical assistance in preparing by-laws, obtaining tax identification numbers, and preparing a scope of work for spending funds would expedite the ISC Acequia Program process.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

\$500 thousand would not be available to expand the work of the Office of State Engineer and DFA on acequia governance education, training and technical assistance.

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